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Development of Bundelkhand as Tourism Hub
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in various States of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Bundelkhand as a Tourism Hub;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
(e) the details of the areas selected in Bundelkhand region for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has launched two plan schemes in 2014-15 viz. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including cities of historical importance.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

Under PRASAD scheme, 23 sites of religious significance have been identified for development in India including Himalayan areas, namely Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Dwarka (Gujarat), Deoghar (Jharkhand), Belur (West Bengal), Gaya (Bihar), Guruvayoor (Kerala), Hazratbal (Jammu & Kashmir), Kamakhya (Assam), Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Puri (Odisha), Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Somnath (Gujarat), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu).

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned following projects for development of tourism infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh covering Bundelkhand region:
<pre> (Rs. in crore)
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No. Name of the Project/Year of Sanction Amount sanctioned
1 Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh. (2015-16) 92.22
2 Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior − Orchha − Khajuraho − Chanderi − Bhimbetka − Mandu) Madhya Pradesh. (2016-17) 99.77

3 Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh. (2016-17) 69.45
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